

HONOURABLE SOCIETIES

of the

INNER AND MIDDLE TEMPLES.

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R E P O R T of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the year 1940.

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- (a) The Sub-Treasurer and Sanitary Authority for the
Inner Temple:
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Middle Temple.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report on the sanitary circumstances, the sanitary administration and the vital statistics relating to the Inner and Middle Temples for the year 1940.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of Inner and Middle Temples, Census 1931 (acres)	17.3
Resident Population (Estimated by Registrar-General, 1940)	200
Density of Population (Number of persons per acre, Census 1931)	18.9
Number of Rooms per Person (Census 1931)	1.89

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

- (a) BIRTHS. The total number of births of residents of the Temples during the year was three. No stillbirths were registered.
- (b) DEATHS. Three deaths of residents occurred, all without the district. The causes of death were premature birth, cancer and tuberculosis.

The birth rate was 15.0 per 1,000, that for London as a whole being 13.7. The death rate was 15.0 per 1,000, that for London as a whole being 17.8.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

No case of infectious disease or of tuberculosis was notified to me as having occurred within the district during 1940. A number of infectious disease contacts were supervised, the chambers concerned being thoroughly disinfected.

The general health of the district is good.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Details of work done during the year have been supplied to me by your Sanitary Inspectors. Much additional work arose owing to enemy action. Defective sanitary fittings have been promptly repaired and new fittings of approved type installed where necessary. Five pedestal type water closets were erected in the Middle Temple and sixteen in the Inner Temple. Underground drains have been renewed, flushed and gulleys cleaned, as found necessary.

The drainage system generally is sound but there are still some old drains to be brought up to date.

Arrangements for removal and disposal of dust and refuse have proved adequate. During the year 18 new sanitary dustbins were provided. There is a daily removal of refuse in an appropriate dustcart. Footways and roads have been swept daily and the roads watered during hot weather.

Copies of this report are being transmitted to the Ministry of Health and the Home Office in accordance with statutory requirements.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W.H.L. McCARTHY.

Medical Officer of Health,
Honourable Societies of the
Inner and Middle Temples.

30th June, 1941.
